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For over 18 years, the Department of Neighborhoods has provided matching funds to over 3600 projects throughout Seattle. Groups of people can apply for up to \$15,000 for community building projects through the City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods' Neighborhood Matching Fund.

Applications for the Neighborhood Matching Fund are due October 2nd, 2006

To make applying easier, staff are hosting the Ideas Fair, that will provide to you opportunities to talk with other people who started projects in their own communities. You can even learn how to write a grant, access funds, and get your neighbors involved.

This event takes place Tuesday, September 12th at the Youngstown Cultural Arts Center located at 4408 Delridge Way SW.

Event Itinerary:

6:00 - 7:30 PM: Open House and Mayor's Small & Simple Award Ceremony

Learn more about the Fund and hear from past award recipients

7:30 - 8:30 PM: Workshop

- Hear about Race and Social Justice Projects
- Learn the shortcuts for working with Parks & Seattle Department of Transportation
- Learn how to write a winning application
- Get tips for developing a good budget

This successful program has helped thousands of people around Seattle get involved in their communities to make it a better place. For more information please contact Cliff Louie at (206) 684-0209 or cliff.louie@Seattle.Gov

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Mayor and Council Announce Large Project Fund Awards

\$1 MILLION TO 14 SEATTLE NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS

Money matched by almost \$2 million from neighborhood donations

Mayor Nickels announced new funding awards through the Department of Neighborhood's Matching Fund. This year's awards included projects from all over the city and range from park, playground and street improvements to building community gardens and traditional Chinese gates.



Mayor Nickels with Dahl Playfield Skatepark Project Managers

This year's award ceremony was held at Madison Park, on a beautiful August Saturday. Joining Mayor Nickels in celebrating the awardees

"Seattle is a great city thanks to its great neighborhoods," said Nickels. "These awards and projects are the result of people rolling up their sleeves to make their neighborhoods better places for everyone."



DoN staff greet awardees

groups committed to building a better community by matching the public funds with locally raised money, donated materials, and volunteer labor.

Representing the City Council at this year's award ceremony was Councilmember Jan Drago, who has a long history as a community activist involved with the Department of Neighborhoods. "Being here today takes

The 14 awards totaling \$1,218,970 range from \$31,500 to \$100,000. In addition to the city's contribution to the projects, the communities will "match" the city's dollars with local resources valued at \$1,885,066.

Each year, Large Project Fund Awards are given to

me back many years to the early days of the Matching Fund. Today's award recipients are carrying on a great tradition of community involvement in Seattle. They are what makes Seattle such a great city."

Bernie Matsuno, acting Director of Neighborhoods, added, "This year's awards include great additions to

our communities, such as a new gate for Chinatown/International District, skateboard parks, and new sidewalks. We're expecting great results from all of this work."

The Large Projects Fund is one of four components of the Neighborhood Matching Fund, and provides awards of more than \$15,000 to support community driven projects that take up to one year to complete. Seattle neighborhoods have completed more than 3600 projects in the last 18 years using as little as \$100 and as much \$100,000 from the Neighborhood Matching Fund.



Community members enjoying the event

Please see the full list of awards along with their descriptions. If you would like to find out more about how you can become involved, please call the Department of Neighborhoods at (206) 684-0464, and ask to speak with a Matching Fund project manager. 🌐

2006 Large Project Awards

Project: Third Avenue Renaissance – Streetscape Improvements
Organization: Belltown Housing and Land Use Subcommittee
NMF Award: \$92,600
Match: \$92,600

Project Description:

Streetscapes will be renovated at 3rd Ave, between Lenora and Blanchard. The project includes new side-walks with curb bulbs, new Elm trees, tree pits and landscaping.

Project: Dahl Playfield Skatespot
Organization: Boarders 4 Parks
NMF Award: \$100,000
Match: \$106,195

Project Description:

This project will build a small, safe neighborhood skatepark at Dahl Playfield. It is a welcome addition to the other planned improvements at Dahl, which include a new play area and renovated ball fields. These improvements will offer activities for all age groups.

Project: Space in Fremont: a Community Artspace
Organization: Fremont Arts Council
NMF Award: \$31,500
Match: \$54,395

Project Description:

A plaza in the street has been designed to include inlaid colored and textured glass to reflect a galaxy. The area will include colorful curved mosaic benches and planting strips around the plaza.

Project: Salmon Bay School Playground Renovation
Organization: Friends of Salmon Bay
NMF Award: \$100,000
Match: \$167,000

Project Description:

The Friends of Salmon Bay Park will renovate the nearly 1-acre playground located directly north of the Salmon Bay School by installing new play equipment, picnic tables, repaving worn and damaged asphalt and walking paths.

Project: Sealth-Longfellow Creek Courtyard
Organization: Friends of Sealth
NMF Award: \$96,888
Match: \$100,950

Project Description:

The Sealth Longfellow Creek Courtyard will be transformed into a green space that will better connect Chief Sealth with the diverse Delridge neighborhood and provide community members the opportunity to bring their children and families to this area.

Project: Greater Seattle Historic Chinatown Gates
Organization: Historic Chinatown Gates Foundation
NMF Award: \$100,000
Match: \$282,020

Project Description:

Two traditional Chinese gates will be built within the Chinatown/International District Neighborhood, one at 5th and South King Street, and the other at 8th and South King Street.

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CHANGE OF COMMAND AT BALLARD LOCKS

US Army Corps of Engineers Seattle District gets a new commander at a formal Change of Command ceremony on July 27. Col Michael McCormick assumes command from Col Debra Lewis who has held this post since 2003. Col Lewis has already assumed her new responsibilities with COE in the Central Iraq district. Col McCormick will retain this assignment for three years. He and his family will reside in the commander's residence at the Ballard Locks. The Ballard District Coordinator will join several representatives from Seattle's maritime industry at the ceremony.

DOWNTOWN BALLARD SKYLINE CONTINUES TO CHANGE

A new application to redevelop property at 1545 NW Market St has been submitted for consideration. This project proposes to develop 250 apartments, 17,000 SF of commercial, and parking for 343 vehicles. The project proposes to construct two towers: one six story and one eight story. The site is directly across Market St from a Pryde Johnson Development recently under construction, which will add two eight-story condominium towers to Ballard's skyline. In addition to these and other projects currently under construction in downtown Ballard, four other projects are winding their way through the permitting process. On the site of the downtown Ballard QFC, Security Properties plans to construct a 237-unit apartment building which will also provide 45,000 SF on the ground floor for a new QFC store. Teutch Partners proposes to construct a 146-unit senior independent living facility on a site formerly occupied by the Wilson Ford Dealership on Leary Ave NW. Pryde Johnson plans a 134-unit condominium/mixed use development for property formerly occupied by the Ballard Branch Library. Finally, Schnitzer Development will propose a mixed-use development (details not yet available) on a site where several properties have been assembled just north of NW Market St, just east of the new Ballard Library/Neighborhood Service Center.

CENTRAL

12TH AVENUE PLANNING

The 12th Avenue Planning Committee, that serves as the planning steward for 12th Avenue, plans to do a better job of including East African businesses in the planning meetings. The Planning Committee reports a rift with some neighbors and an East African restaurant owner over late night noise. A recent fatal shooting in front of the Blue Nile Night Club has magnified the neighbors' concern over safety. The club serves as a gathering place for East African taxi drivers who finish their shifts. The neighbors took the club owner to Small Claims Court over the loud noise and won their case.

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Project: Nihonmachi Maynard Avenue Green Street Project – Phase 1
Organization: Interim Community Development Association
NMF Award: \$96,600
Match: \$129,701

Project Description:

This "Green Street" improvement project will widen the sidewalk, as well as install planters, pedestrian-scale lighting, and benches to help activate and create a green corridor that connects the Danny Woo International Gardens/Kobe Terrace Park with Hing Hay Park.

Project: Jackson Place Sculpture Park
Organization: Jackson Place Community Council
NMF Award: \$87,607
Match: \$156,780

Project Description:

The Jackson Place Community Council and Artspace will design and develop a sculpture park on underutilized public and private property.

Project: Powell Barnett Legacy
Organization: Leschi Community Council
NMF Award: \$100,000
Match: \$100,000

Project Description:

The Leschi Community Council and the Powell Barnett Legacy Project will develop a public art project at the Northwest Entry Plaza of Powell Barnett Park. The artwork will share the legacy of Powell Barnett and will host signage, benches, an arbor and picnic tables.

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Project: Dells and Ridges Trail System
Organization: Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail
NMF Award: \$43,775
Match: \$53,500

Project Description:

The Dells and Ridges Trail System project will link trails that run through the Delridge corridor and the greater West Seattle peninsula.

Project: Magnolia Historical Essay Project II
Organization: Magnolia Historical Society
NMF Award: \$70,000
Match: \$63,800

Project Description:

The Magnolia Historical Essay project II seeks to develop a series of historical essays to be collected and published as a sequel to the Magnolia: Memories & Milestones historical essay book published in 2000.

Project: Hazel Heights P-Patch
Organization: P-Patch Trust
NMF Award: \$100,000
Match: \$185,700

Project Description:

Community gardening continues to grow with the Hazel Heights P-Patch project. This project will develop a 21-plot community garden in the Fremont neighborhood.

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YOUTH TO PROVIDE ARTISTIC ENTRYWAY TO POWELL BARNETT PARK

Leschi Community Council reports the north portion of Powell Barnett Park will feature an artistic entry way on the north entrance to the Park. Coyote Central Summer Hit the Street Project has hired 24 youths from SE and Central Seattle, aged 12 -15, comprised of African American, Native American Thai, Vietnamese, East African, Chinese, Latino and Pacific Islander, to construct the entryway.

The Central District Coordinator received a call from Lowell Deo, from the Seattle Channel, who plans to air the successful Powell Barnett Park story the last week of August. The park is a destination for a large number of families in the Central District.

DEL RIDGE

MARKETING WHITE CENTER

The White Center Community Development Association (WCCDA) is exploring a "discount card" program (in lieu of a coupon book) in an effort to promote the variety of ethnic restaurants in the White Center business district. Five thousand cards (or possibly coupon books depending on cost) would be distributed through the White Center News and given away at the WCCDA annual fundraising dinner. The WCCDA is also looking for a slogan or tagline to accompany its upcoming White Center marketing campaign and will be actively soliciting input from the community through its website and nomination forms at select businesses, White Center Jubilee Days, and at the WCCDA office. One or two "focus groups" will narrow down the list of submissions and have community members vote on the final slogan.

NEIGHBORS WANT LANDLORD ACCOUNTABILITY

Some Puget Ridge residents have been asking neighbors if they would be willing to sign a letter addressed to a landlord who rents a house near 18th Ave SW/SW Graham where a drive-by shooting recently took place. However, they've since found out that other nearby neighbors have already taken a stronger action. These neighbors say they have been dealing with this landlord for years and he refuses to listen. Last June, a meeting at the Southwest Police Precinct was held with neighbors living at 17th Ave SW/SW Graham to discuss with Seattle Police Department and the City Attorney's Office a Good Neighbor Agreement with Ernest Jensen, the landlord. Mr. Jensen was invited to the meeting, but did not show. Neighbors feel it has come to the point where the landlord needs to be made accountable for his irresponsible actions, and his contribution to crime in the neighborhood.

CAR WASH FOR SHOOTING VICTIMS

The International District Housing Alliance and Safe Futures Youth Center held a car wash to support the families and individuals impacted by the shooting that took place in Skyway, which left two

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youth and at least one young adult dead. One victim has been released from the hospital and is expected to make a full recovery. The two youths, who lived in the Delridge area, participated regularly in programs at Safe Futures. One had just recently graduated from Interagency High School.

DOWNTOWN

DOWNTOWN SERVICE CENTER ON THE MOVE

The Department of Neighborhood's Downtown Neighborhood Service Center, currently located at 820 Virginia St, will be moving to 202 Yesler Way, co-located in the first level of the Smith Tower with the Pioneer Square Community Association. The move will take place on Monday, July 31. The service center has been co-located with the Seattle Police Department's West Precinct for the past seven years. The move is being made to better align SPD detective resources with their respective precincts. Seven West Precinct detectives have been occupying an office in the East Precinct. Having the detectives located together with the West Precinct staff will allow for greater efficiencies in their work and bring the officers closer to the colleagues and communities they serve.

EAST

THE DUCKS AT MADISON PARK FINALLY UP

The Madison Park neighborhood and its Community Council created its own 'welcome.' With the help of a Department of Neighborhoods Small Sparks award, they recruited a local artist to design a signage layout which incorporated a duck motif, while identifying the neighborhoods of Washington and Madison Parks.

The project, which took over 18 months to complete, was accepted by SDOT and the welcome sign is now located at the southeast corner of Lake Washington Boulevard and E Madison St. The sign reads "Washington Park and Madison Park Welcomes You". Unfortunately residents reported that the sign was tagged with graffiti sometime during the last week.

"M STREET GROCERY STORE" TO OPEN AT MADISON STREET AND 8TH AVENUE ON FIRST HILL

After many years of wishing for a neighborhood grocery store, the First Hill community finally got its wish. The OPUS Developers of the ongoing construction of a multi-level apartment building announced that the retail space at street level will be occupied by the M Street Grocery Store. Located at Madison St and 8th Ave, this facility will operate as a full-scale grocery with organic varieties, service deli and coffee shop.

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Project: Uptown Queen Anne Park/Counterbalance Square

Organization: The Uptown Alliance

NMF Award: \$100,000

Match: \$292,425

Project Description:

The proposed park construction will create a "3rd Place" park on Queen Anne on the northeast corner of Queen Anne Ave N and Roy St, and will support events such as craft fairs, art shows, farmers markets, holiday celebrations and concerts.

Project: Madison Park Community Playfield Physical Improvement Project

Organization: Friends of Madison Park

NMF Award: \$100,000

Match: \$100,000

Project Description:

The Friends of Madison Park will rebuild the Madison Park Play area so it is safer, more accessible and more beautiful. The most important goal is to create spaces to serve the varied needs of the community in this public park. The Park will continue to serve those who want to interact socially, play or relax in the midst of this urban oasis. 🌍

Do you know a child that could USE HELP GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL?

The city of Seattle's Early Childhood Education Assistance Program (ECEAP) serves both 3 and 4 year-olds throughout Seattle, with a concentration of programs in Central, Southeast and Southwest Seattle. It provides comprehensive services to help kids and families get ready for kindergarten and beyond.

The newest program is Step Ahead, which is a preschool program serving 4 year-olds (only kids going to kindergarten in 2007), who live in Seattle and whose families earn less than 300% poverty level. The goal is to ensure that kids are ready for kindergarten and beyond! Step Ahead classrooms are also in Central, Southeast and Southwest Seattle, in schools and in community sites.

Both ECEAP and Step Ahead provide health services and support for families. Both offer free half day services or full-day programs in licensed child care. Families needing full-day services should be eligible for child care subsidies, too.

There is still plenty of room left in this program, please contact (206) 386-1050 to enroll your child today, or if you need more information. 🌐

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BRUSH UP BROADWAY PROJECT

The Broadway BIA (Business Improvement Association), applied to the Department of Neighborhoods Small & Simple Fund to create a program of inclusion and awareness with the merchants and community at large at the Broadway business district. The project consists of providing tools and events for the merchants to organize neighborhood clean ups and beautification projects. The idea is to have an active business community participating in the cleaning of Broadway with neighbors and to develop a sense of neighborhood cohesiveness and support to the business district.

GREATER DUWAMISH

INTERMODAL FACILITY

The South Beacon Hill Neighborhood Council met on July 5th to discuss the proposed SPU Intermodal Transfer Facility. Henry Friedman and Tim Croll from SPU were invited to present on the topic. The members of the council gave every indication of opposition to the proposed site and the process by which the Corgiat site was selected. Much concern was expressed about the lack of transparency in the selection process. Alternative sites were revisited (including the Port site and the use and expansion of the Rabanco site) and a new one suggested in the SODO area. Noise, pollution/health and traffic issues were raised. Tim Croll did respond to the question of back up plans if Corgiat does not work out: Take another look at the Edmonds St. site, keep compaction systems at the North and South Stations, look at other sites including Harbor Island, expand a service contract to include the compaction element. The Council wants to know how SPU will respond to their input.

LAKE UNION

WALLINGFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (WCC) TO RECEIVE A CHECK FOR \$10,000

As a condition of the MUP, DPD required the developer of 3333 Wallingford Ave N to "spend \$10,000 to help underwrite a feature art piece for the terrace/gateway element at the corner of Wallingford Ave N and N 34th St to be developed through a local art competition conducted in consultation with the Wallingford Community Council." The developer mailed the payment to the City and it is in the process of being released to WCC. The payment of \$10,000 by the developer is considered "seed" money. WCC has applied for a Small and Simple award for additional monies to help complete the project.

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NORTH 45TH STREET PAVING PROJECT

The North 45th St corridor received the most nominations during the month-long transportation dirty dozen competition. According to the Seattle PI's 7-13-06 article, it stated "Mayor Nickels promised to repave North 45th Street, starting even before the fall election....The mayor said there's money available to complete the dirty dozen projects within three or four months, starting in September."

There was a lot of confusion in the community about whether the paving project will occur as scheduled this summer or early fall. Information had been circulating that the lowest bid for the project was over the engineer's estimate and the project could be delayed. By the end of the month, a paving contract was awarded and an open house scheduled for August 7 to explain the construction plan and a tentative schedule for the work.

NORTH

LAKE CITY MULTICULTURAL FAMILY COUNCIL SEEKS POLICE INFORMATION

The Multicultural Family Council at the North Seattle Family Center in Lake City decided at its July meeting to ask the Seattle Police Department questions about community policing. Among other things, the Family Council would like to know what training police officers receive in working with immigrants and refugees. The Family Council is composed of 15 members who represent approximately 500 families from the Latino community, Muslim community, Asian community, African American community, and other disadvantaged groups. The Council's goals are to develop leaders and to receive training on advocacy, civic engagement strategies, and social justice issues. Department of Neighborhoods staff are working with the Family Council on extending an invitation to SPD Chief Gil Kerlikowske to meet with the Family Council.

LAKE CITY COFFEE PERGOLA GLOBE LIGHTS UP

The long-awaited lighting up of the blue globe atop the Lake City coffee pergola has finally happened. The lit globe looks wonderful, and according to Marcia Iwasaki of the Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, who viewed it recently, it has "a dreamy ambient light quality that glorifies the coffee pot form." Already, the City Arts office has received many positive comments about the sculpture. The pergola and globe are part of 1% for the Arts funding for the Lake City Way Multimodal transportation project. Thanks to artist Paul Sorey, SDOT's Ron Scharf for his persistence in getting electricity to the site, and Marcia Iwasaki for her encouragement.

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Getting Prepared IS A SNAP

What would you do in a real emergency? Could you count on your neighbors? Could they count on you? The City of Seattle is working with its citizens towards becoming the best prepared city in the nation. Much of that success depends upon you. In a real emergency, resources will be limited. Preparing in advance to be able to help yourself and others will ensure that help is available for those who need it most. This fall the Seattle Office of Emergency Management will introduce the SNAP (Seattle Neighborhoods Actively Prepare) program. This program emphasizes the importance of disaster preparedness, through connecting with your neighbors, identifying community resources and developing a response plan.

In support of this effort, the Department of Neighborhoods is working with the Cottage Grove neighborhood in Delridge on an emergency preparedness pilot program. In the next three months we will be providing information packets, equipment and training to community members. We hope to use what we learn there and the resources of the Neighborhood Matching Fund to enhance emergency preparedness throughout Seattle. For more information about SNAP, contact the Seattle Office of Emergency Management at 233-7123. If you have ideas for using the Matching Fund for emergency preparedness in your neighborhood, contact Allynn Ruth at 684-0301. 🌐



FOCUS on GEORGETOWN...

Georgetown Hosts Mayor's Visit

The Georgetown Merchants Association invited the Mayor to meet with them over the summer at the Georgetown Ballroom. After a PowerPoint presentation on the historic area and the recent growth of business, and several owners of businesses (All City Coffee, Georgetown Records, Big People Scooters, George and Hang Wire) presented their stories, mentioning the unique, small neighborhood, nurturing environment for start-ups that establishes a sound basis for expansion. Later, the Mayor took questions from the members after addressing a few hot topics, e.g. the Intermodal Transfer Station at Corgiat, and the Adult Cabaret Zone. In both cases, he stressed the amount of planning that had gone into the selection of the proposed sites, with considerable attention paid to creating the least impact on communities while providing the best alternative for the common good. For the members, parking to support the businesses was a priority concern and well as Airport way pedestrian safety.

Georgetown Making Plan to Welcome Lady Rainier

The Georgetown Community Council is in discussion with MOHAI about their interest in moving the Lady Rainier sculpture from Tully's down to the Oxbow Park, and the Council is arranging funding to make the move. Patricia Filer, John Bennett, Robin Tomazic, and Alan Phillips met with MOHAI and Arts Brewery Arts. Since MOHAI was

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ROTARY FUNDS NEW ARTWORK FOR LAKE CITY LIBRARY BRANCH

New artwork called "The Tree Alphabet" has been installed in the children's section of the Lake City Branch Library, 12501 28th Ave N.E. The Seattle Northeast Rotary Club, in conjunction with the Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs and The Seattle Public Library Foundation, hosted a dedication of the artwork on June 20.

Local artist Jane Grafton created the artwork: 20 recycled tin penants that represent the ancient Ogham Alphabet. Each piece represents a plant, and most represent a tree. These same inscriptions can still be seen in Great Britain. Grafton designed and executed the artwork; she was helped by students from Olympic Hills Elementary School, Eckstein Middle School, Nathan Hale High School, and Ingraham High School.

NORTHEAST

FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

The FoUH is busy carrying out the planning award they received through the Department of Neighborhoods to bring on a consultant to assist in identifying options to secure University Heights for the community. The most recent communication with the School District indicates that the strategies the District is considering would not favor the community being able to secure the building for current uses (Farmer's Market, Able Child Childcare, Broadway Bound, Northwest Children's Choir, etc.). The Friends group is seeking advocacy and support from any quarter it can.

BULL MOOSE FESTIVAL A BIG HIT

The second annual Bull Moose Festival in the Roosevelt neighborhood scored another victory in the "community building" category. Although official numbers aren't in yet, early reports are that several thousand residents and friends visited the various venues.

Jim O'Halloran, president of the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association, reported that over 400 people dined on pancakes Saturday morning, "surprising and delighting the event organizers who had no idea that many people might show up! The Pancake Breakfast money goes to the American Cancer Society. And, thanks a million to the "kitchen/event manager" from Whole Foods who made sure everything ran smoothly in the Pancake kitchen." Over 100 cars were on display in the parking lot at Calvary Christian Church with awards going to a 1905 Rio (oldest car) and a bright orange concept car from the early '70's (a Pontiac, Jim ventured)." Whole Foods again hosted the Taste Fair in their parking lot with 40 plus vendors handing out samples of their gourmet delights. New this year was the closing of NE 64th St, west of Roosevelt which afforded the Moonpaper Tent room to set up some children's activities as well as making room for the

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Bubble Man and a juggler or two. Cowen Park was the site for several musical acts and the P-Patch welcomed the Chef in the Garden, featuring a chef from Whole Foods cooking right out of the P-Patch. A Dog Wash at Bus Stop Espresso donated its proceeds to Animal Talk, an animal welfare shop in Roosevelt.

"The trick is figuring out how to facilitate festival-goers getting from one end of the festival to the other," Jim commented, "we want to encourage as many businesses as possible to participate, but it is discouraging to them if they are on the periphery and few people show up after they have invested in displaying their goods or making some special effort to be part of the Festival."

Overall, the festival was certainly a success and given that it's just the second year, there's room to grow and get better!

NORTHWEST

GAIN NORTH GROUP TO TACKLE CRIME ISSUES AT BUS STOPS

GAIN North, an off-shoot of the Greenwood Aurora Involved Neighbors crime prevention group, is organizing a meeting between north end neighbors and representatives from the Seattle Police Department and King County Metro Transit. The group wants to focus on addressing perceived illicit activities around bus stops along Aurora Ave N. Neighbors in the area believe that Metro needs to take greater responsibility for improved policing of the bus stops so that riders can feel safer.

65TH STREET ART CORRIDOR PROJECT SELECTS ARTISTS

A joint project of the Green Lake and Roosevelt neighborhoods, this art project has been several years in the works. It is designed to brighten and improve the vast space under I-5 at NE 65th St, both artistically and from a public safety standpoint. It is also meant to create a visual connection between the two neighborhoods. Three finalists were recently chosen to create temporary art installations at the site and the final selection will be made soon. King County's 4 culture program has helped to provide funding, as well as technical assistance to the Art Corridor Committee.

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represented by Executive Director, Leonard Garfield and Collections Registrar, Kristin Halunen. Conan Gale represented Arts Brewery Arts. GCC made a presentation regarding the history of Lady Rainier and her association with the Georgetown community; and gave relevant documentation regarding past communications with MOHAI. Gale presented on Lady Rainier's history at her current location; and showed plans of the landscaping that they have planned (and initiated) to feature her. Garfield apologized that MOHAI had caused some of the miscommunication regarding the fountain's fate. A suggestion that a cast of Lady Rainier be made and duplicate statues/fountains produced was well received. No decision has been reached on where the original will be located.

Economic Development and Neighborhoods Council Committee Meeting in Georgetown

Councilmember Sally Clark chaired the Council Committee meeting in Georgetown at which Neighborhoods presented the Greater Duwamish



Georgetown City hall.

Neighborhood Plan update that highlighted the accomplishments in the area: Old Georgetown City Hall renovation and development of a community space, Oxbow Park and Georgetown Playfield improvements, progress at the Gateway North Park as well as recent traffic safety improvements in development on 4th Ave. S. and 8th Ave. S. Economic Development



Hart and the Hurricane entertain Georgetown residents raising funds for the complete renovation of the hat at Oxbow Park.

was also highlighted. Early in the program a power point presentation by a Merchants Association member highlighted the Georgetown's historic area and the recent growth of business. The DON Director reported on the Large Project Fund Awards, the AIA hearings and the Neighborhood Tree Fund 2006. Also discussed was the creation of a conservation district program for the City of Seattle. 🌐

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SOUTHEAST DISTRICT COUNCIL TO HOST SECOND FORUM ON EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT

The SE District Council (SEDC), LELO, the Tenant's Union and Homestead Community Land Trust are moving forward with plans to host a second community forum on development and gentrification for fall 2006. The first forum had over 100 community members, with over 60% of the participants' people of color and a third recent immigrants. The event was translated into five languages, Somali, Chinese, Spanish, Vietnamese and Amharic.

The second forum will be an opportunity for SE residents to discuss policy options for promoting equitable development. The District Council hopes to continue to work with PolicyLink, a national expert on equitable development policy, to help plan the forum.

COLUMBIA CITY WIFI GOING STRONG

The City of Seattle's Columbia City free Wi-Fi project continues to grow in usage. There have been 1150 unique users year-to-date. On average, ninety-three people log-in per day and there has been a 52 percent increase in log-ins in just the last month. With support of the Columbia City Business Association, the City of Seattle Department of Information Technology has been conducting a survey to better assess the individual usage of the program and business support.

SOUTHWEST

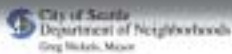
CALIFORNIA REPAVEMENT PROJECT PUBLIC MEETING HELD

Staff from the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) held a public meeting on July 20 at the Hiawatha Community Center to present information and respond to questions about the upcoming California Ave SW repavement project. SDOT staff informed attendees that the current four-lane configuration (two travel lanes in each direction) and the all-way crosswalk at the intersection of California Ave and Alaska St would remain. As for the two crosswalks in the West Seattle Junction business district, SDOT is seeking feedback from residents and businesses to help decide between installing a raised crosswalk or a pedestrian-activated signal at those two locations. Work is expected to begin in the fall with completions slated for early next year.

NEW TOTEM POLE INSTALLED

The long-awaited installation of a new totem pole at the Admiral Viewpoint at Belvedere Park took place on July 24 when Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation removed the old Carpenter Ant-infested totem pole and replaced it with a newly carved totem pole. Duwamish Tribal member and artist Michael Halady carved the new pole which features Coast Salish art forms. The old totem pole will be fumigated and donated to the Southwest Seattle Historical Log House Museum.

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